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2005 ATTORNEY FEE NOTICE

Note: This is the Notice and Invoice for the 2nd year of payment. Those attorneys who paid the fee for the 1st year - 2004- must now make payment for the 2nd year of liability-2005.

The New Jersey Medical Care Access and Responsibility and Patients First Act was signed into law on June 7, 2004, as P.L. 2004, c.17. The Act provides for a comprehensive set of reforms affecting the tort liability system, health care system and medical malpractice liability insurance carriers to ensure that health care services continue to be available and accessible to residents of the State. The Act also establishes a fund called the "Medical Malpractice Liability Insurance Premium Assistance Fund." Revenues generated for this fund will be used for a variety of health care purposes, including providing relief towards the payment of medical malpractice liability insurance premiums to certain health care providers in this State and providing payments to hospitals as charity care subsidies.

The fund will receive revenues from annual \$75.00 fee charges to all State physicians, podiatrists, chiropractors, dentists, optometrists and attorneys, along with monies from other sources. The New Jersey Division of Taxation is charged with the responsibility to assess the annual \$75.00 fee on attorneys. The fee expires in three years from inception. Fees will be collected in the years 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Read on Reverse Side before Completing this Invoice!

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<u>ATF-100</u>	New Jersey Division of Taxation				
11-05	2005 Attorney Fee Remittance Invoice				
Attorney ID Number			7		
Name			Due Within: 30 days		
Mailing Address			Social Security Number		
City	State	Zip Code	Amount Due: \$\frac{5}{75.00}\$		
f you are claiming an exem	nption from the attor	rney fee, please o	check here and check your exemption on the reverse side of this form.		
Make Check	or Money Order Paya	able to: State of N	ew Jersey - ATF		
Mail to: [Division of Taxation				

Revenue Processing Center

PO Box 645

Trenton, NJ 08646-0645

The annual \$75.00 fee will apply to all attorneys licensed to practice law in New Jersey except those attorneys: (1) Constitutionally or statutorily barred from the practice of law; (2) That can show that they do not maintain a bona fide office in New Jersey for the practice of law. A bona fide office is a place where the attorney or a responsible person acting on the attorney's behalf can be reached in person and by telephone during normal business hours to conduct law related business; (3) Who have retired completely from the practice of law; (4) On full time duty in the armed forces, VISTA or the Peace Corps and not engaged in the practice of law; (5) Ineligible to practice law because they have not made their New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection payment; (6) Newly admitted to the bar that have not practiced law for at least one year.

If one of the above exemptions applies to you, check off the appropriate boxes on the attached remittance invoice, enter your social security number, sign the reverse side of the invoice, and mail in the enclosed return envelope. An exemption claim may be verified with information maintained by the New Jersey Supreme Court with respect to attorneys qualified to practice law in New Jersey. If you are not exempt, make your \$75.00 check payable to "State of New Jersey" and indicate "2005 Attorney Fee" on the memo line, enter your social security number on the invoice, sign the reverse side of the invoice, and mail in the enclosed envelope. It is mandatory that you include your social security number to ensure that your payment is properly credited to your account. The Tax Reform Act of 1976, P.L. 94-455, authorizes the use of social security numbers in the administration of a tax. The Division will use the number for this purpose only.

The remittance invoice for your 2005 attorney fee is due within 30 days of this notice. Payment cannot be withheld due to pending litigation. The Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, in a June 15, 2005 decision, in the case New Jersey State Bar Association and Knee v. State of New Jersey, et al. rejected the Plaintiffs' claims and granted summary judgment to the State, upholding the New Jersey Medical Care Access and Responsibility and Patients First Act and the annual attorney fee assessment. An appeal has been filed. This \$75.00 annual attorney fee is a State tax subject to the provisions of the State Uniform Tax Procedure Law. N.J.S.A. 54:48-1 et seq. Failure to make payment by the due date may subject the taxpayer to penalty and interest charges.

Information on P.L. 2004, c.17 can be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us. Click on Chapter Laws under the heading Laws and Constitution in the left hand column. The fee imposition can be found on page 12, subsection 27 (N.J.S.A. 17:30D-29). Inquiries regarding this fee may be directed to: New Jersey Division of Taxation Customer Service Center - (609) 826-4400 or e-mail the Division at taxation@tax.state.nj.us.

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Check one o	f the following boxes upon which	your exemption is based:				
	Constitutionally or statutorily barred from the practice of law					
	No bona fide office in New Jersey for the practice of law					
	Completely retired from the practice of law					
	Full time duty in the armed forces, VISTA or the Peace Corps and not engaged in the practice of law					
	Ineligible to practice law becau	se New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection payme	ent has not been made			
	Have not practiced law for at le	ast one year.				
	Signature	Print Name	Date			